

## DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30 pm
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Ronnie A (email Romy if you'd like to read or give a recap for us!)
  
- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
  - Nancy W (Dolly C), Jared J (Tommy D), Judi C (Kaeri S), Benny S (Wayne A), Jonny (Mario C)
- **Visitors**
  - Ed L (Area 09 Delegate)
- **Tradition 8 Workshop Recap: Lauren O**
  - **Short form:** "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers".
  - **Long form:** "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for".
- **Concept 8 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
  - **Concept 8:** "The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities".
  - **Synopsis:** "Trustee oversight had two primary parts. One: they plan, manage, and execute large matters of overall policy and finance. Two: they oversee both of our corporations (A.A. World Services, Inc. [which includes the General Service Office] and A.A. Grapevine, Inc.). Trustees have the responsibility of ensuring the good conduct of all our world service affairs. Their attitude is one of custodial oversight rather than an executive order. They are guarantors of good management as opposed to micro-managers. The in's and out's of day-to-day operations are not for them. They leave that up to those they elect to run the organization. Their broad brush strokes strategically guide the entities they oversee".
- **Panel Reports**
  - **DCMC — Romy ([dcmc.district12@gmail.com](mailto:dcmc.district12@gmail.com))**
    - Attended Area 09 FORO meeting (meeting in Spanish with English translation)
    - Ed L gave updates on GSO
      - New Service Manual out in November. (Delayed from initial September release)
      - Softback 12x12 with updated wording will be out this August!
      - Our Great Responsibility will be released as an ebook in September
      - Grapevine has an Instagram account: [@alcoholicsanonymous\\_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv)
      - GSO working on Plain Language Big Book
    - PRAASA March 4th - 6th 2022 in Portland, OR
    - Involved in planning committee and attended 4 Area DCM Sharing Session
    - Labor Day Picnic is still on track for Monday, September 6th. Planning with Intergroup and Committee Chair Stephanie A.
    - The last poll on returning to in-person district meetings showed that 70% of us were ready to go back. Since then, the church has added requirements.
      - Masks are required for everyone, no food, no congregating outside before or after, and access to only one large room.

- We are not able to do a hybrid format.
    - Please fill out the sign-in sheet and let us know your thoughts!
  - Alt DCMC — Tim ([altdcmc.district12@gmail.com](mailto:altdcmc.district12@gmail.com))
    - MSCA 09 Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC)
      - August 8th @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm (PST)
      - Register in advance for this meeting at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYud-2qgT8rHtU1zqfrylL65Pg\\_fajj\\_99W](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYud-2qgT8rHtU1zqfrylL65Pg_fajj_99W)
      - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
    - 2021 National A. A. Technology Workshop
      - September 17th - 19th
      - For more information, contact Doug G (NAATW 2021 Chair) by email [chair@naatw.org](mailto:chair@naatw.org) or visit <https://naatw.org/>
  - Treasurer — Bob ([12districttreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:12districttreasurer@gmail.com))
    - July 2021 Transaction Report
      - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XY1PFqbrraUuonG6mDzWC4cPtc-dCVd9/view?usp=sharing>
      - 07/31/21 ending balance: checking - \$21,610.33, prudent reserve - \$3,600.80
      - We have plenty of money for our district to use! Please contact Bob with expense requests!
  - Secretary — Tommy ([mscadistrict12@gmail.com](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com))
    - There being no corrections, the July meeting minutes as previously distributed are approved.
    - [District 12 Phone List](#) available
    - Please email Tommy if you are not receiving District 12 emails or to update your phone list information.
  - Registrar — Susan ([d12registrar@gmail.com](mailto:d12registrar@gmail.com))
    - Please complete the electronic sign-in form every month while online at the District 12 meeting. Please include your exact meeting name and number as it is listed. If you aren't sure, ask someone in your group that would know.
    - Email Susan if you have any changes, updates, or questions.
  - Your board is here to be of service to you. If you require any assistance, please contact any of the board members.
- **New Business**
  - AOCYPAA — Lisa C
    - Motion passed to provide AOCYPAA with a letter of support. The same format will be used as last year with necessary updates.
    - Announced upcoming event: Rollerama
      - September 4th (Labor Day weekend)
      - Meeting 8 - 9pm, roller skating 10 - 12am
      - Holiday Skate Center in Orange
      - Pass around the flyer! [Rollerama Flyer](#)
    - For more information please feel free to contact Lisa at: 661-755-0245
- **Special Presentation: Group Inventory — What's It All About?**
  - Speaker — Lauren O (DCM Sub-C, Traditions Workshop, and Traditions Day Chair)
    - Just as we take personal inventory in the steps, it is suggested that groups take inventory as well. Some choose to take them annually but it is all up to the group! Make sure you have an impartial person or 3rd party to lead the inventory, decide a

date for the group conscience, and go!

- “There are those who predict that A.A. may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of A.A. must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us—that is, if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of A.A., and if we commenced to behave accordingly.

Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody.”

A.A. co-founder Bill W., 1955

- Presentation followed by “mock” group inventory.
- Helpful Tools:
  - [The A.A. Group ... where it all beings](#) pamphlet
  - [Traditions Checklist](#) from A.A. Grapevine
  - [Group Inventory Information](#)
- **Breakout Session**
  - District Inventory
    - Breakout rooms assigned at random and DCMs led District Inventories using a list of questions.
      - [District Inventory Questions](#)
    - DCMs will be sharing comments and concerns with Romy, but feel free to contact one of the board members with any other comments.
- **Committee Reports**
  - Literature —Stephanie A
    - A.A. literature can be found and downloaded at [aa.org](#)
    - Visit [online literature store](#) to take advantage of ongoing deals
      - “Dynamic Duo”, August 1st - September 30th! Buy one hardcover Big Book and get \$1.00 off Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in any format.
      - Special Summer Offer, July 1st - September 30th! Buy any pocket edition book and get \$1.00 of each.
  - Labor Day Picnic — Stephanie A
    - Labor Day Picnic Flyer available, announce it to your groups!
    - Still need volunteers for day of assistance, EZ ups and chairs needed as well.
      - If you want to be of service or have any questions, contact Stephanie A at: 949-891-5470
- **GSR Recap: Eileen P**
  - Not sure how to give a GSR report? Remember to use the [GSR report template!](#)
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Rollerama hosted by AOCYPAA
    - September 4th (Labor Day weekend) at Holiday Skate Center in Orange
    - Meeting 8:00pm - 9:00pm, roller skating 10:00pm - 12:00am
    - Pass around the flyer! [Rollerama Flyer](#)
  - Labor Day Picnic
    - September 6th (Labor Day) at San Gorgonio Park in San Clemente
    - 10:00am - 3:00pm
    - Pass around the flyer! [Labor Day Picnic Flyer](#)

- 2021 National A. A. Technology Workshop (NAATW)
  - September 17th - 19th
  - For more information, contact Doug G (NAATW 2021 Chair) by email at: [chair@naatw.org](mailto:chair@naatw.org)
  - Or visit: <https://naatw.org/>
- Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2022
  - March 4th - 6th 2022
  - For more information visit: <https://www.praasa.org/>
  - Or email: [info2022@praasa.org](mailto:info2022@praasa.org)
- **Birthdays for July**
  - Stephanie A - 3 years
  - Dominick M - 4 years
  - Tommy D - 5 years
  - Ed H - 9 years
- **Close with Responsibility Pledge:**
  - "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

*\*\*\*For corrections or changes to the minutes, please email [mscadistrict12@gmail.com](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com)\*\*\**